



## ***Brigadier General Cynthia N. Kirkland The Adjutant General of Nevada***

Effective June 11, 2005, Brigadier General Cynthia Kirkland is The Adjutant General for the State of Nevada. As adjutant general, Kirkland is the military chief of staff to the governor and is responsible for both the federal and state missions of the Nevada National Guard. Kirkland now commands more than 3,000 members of the Nevada Air and Army National Guard, including the Nevada Air National Guard's 152<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing and 152<sup>nd</sup> Intelligence Squadron and the Nevada Army Guard's armor, aviation and signal

battalions, a medical detachment, a medium truck company, a heavy equipment maintenance company, and the 72<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Company.

Kirkland was born in Lynwood, Calif., in 1953 and graduated from Bellflower High School in 1972. After serving an active duty enlistment in the US Navy from February 1973 to February 1977, she moved to Reno, Nevada. She enlisted in the Nevada Air National Guard in March 1982 as a SSgt, assigned to the 192<sup>nd</sup> RS as an Airfield Management Technician. Graduating from the Academy of Military Science as a distinguished graduate, she was commissioned as a 2d Lt in November 1986 and assigned as the Executive Officer to the 192<sup>nd</sup> RS. She became a full-time technician in December 1988 after selection as the 152<sup>nd</sup> CFT Commander. In 1995, she was assigned as the State Public Affairs Officer for the State of Nevada. In 1999, she received a Joint Service Commendation Medal for her work as a Public Affairs Special Assistant while attached to the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Kirkland was the public affairs representative to the joint staff crisis action team and, on a daily basis, would update the joint staff in regard to Operation Allied Force. In 2000, she was selected by The Adjutant General to serve as his Air Guard Chief of Staff, his senior Air Guard advisor. She served in that position until October 2003, when she was selected to fill the position as the Joint Chief of Staff for the newly organized Joint Headquarters.

In her previous position as Standing Joint Force Headquarters Chief of Staff, Kirkland was the principle management liaison between the National Guard Bureau and the Adjutant General and all assigned Nevada National Guard components and units. Directed by the Chief, National Guard Bureau in 2003, she oversaw and ensured the implementation of the Nevada National Guard Joint Force Headquarters structure. She was also responsible for all Air Guard participation in the Determined Promise 2003 exercise which validated the newly formed Northern Command. Kirkland was also the co-chairman of the National Guard Association of the United States conference in Las Vegas in 2004 and was responsible for the overall plan and security of the event.

BG Kirkland received an Associate's Degree in Applied Science from Truckee Meadows Community College in 1982 and a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Degree from University of Nevada – Reno in 1992. After graduating in-residence from Squadron Officer School in 1993, she completed Air Command and Staff College in 1997 and Air War College in 2000, both by correspondence.

### **EDUCATION:**

1982, Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Studies, Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, Nev.

1992, Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration, University of Nevada, Reno, Reno, Nev.

1993, Squadron Officer School

1996, Public Affairs Officer Course

1997, Air Command and Staff College

1997, Congressional Symposium

2000, Air War College

**OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS** (All Assignments with Nevada Air National Guard):

1. November 1986 – September 1987, Executive Support Officer, 192nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Reno, Nev.
2. September 1987 – December 1988, Imagery Intelligence Officer, 192nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Reno, Nev.
3. December 1988 – October 1995, Commander, 152<sup>nd</sup> Communications Flight, Reno, Nev.
4. October 1995 – October 2000, State Public Affairs Officer, NVANG Headquarters, Carson City, Nev.
5. October 2000 – March 2002, Executive Support Staff Officer, NVANG Headquarters, Carson City, Nev.
6. March 2002 – December 2002, Deputy Commander, NVANG Headquarters, Carson City, Nev.
7. December 2002 – November 2003, Chief of Staff, NVANG Headquarters, Carson City, Nev.
8. November 2003 – June 2005, Chief Standing Joint Force Headquarters, Carson City, Nev.
9. June 2005 – Present, The Adjutant General, NVMD Headquarters, Carson City, Nev.

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Not Applicable

**MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal (Four Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Joint Service Commendation Medal  
Air Force Commendation Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Army Achievement Medal  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (Two Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Air Force Organizational Unit Award (One Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Navy Good Conduct Medal  
Air Force Reserve Meritorious Service Medal  
National Defense Service Medal (Two Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Humanitarian Service Medal  
Air and Space Campaign Medal  
Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon (Five Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal (Two 'M' Devices and One Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon (One Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Air Force Training Ribbon  
Order of Nevada

Nevada Medal of Merit (Two Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Nevada State Commendation Medal (Two Oak Leaf Clusters)  
Nevada Command Ribbon  
Nevada Humanitarian Service Ribbon (One Oak Leaf Cluster)

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS**

National Guard Association of the United States  
The Air Force Association  
Air Force Sergeants Association  
Public Relations Society of America  
Nevada ESGR Committee Volunteer (Regional Chair 2001-2003)  
Youth Mentor (1997 – 2003)  
Member of Nevada Congressional Homeland Security Advisor Committee  
Member of Congressional Academy Nomination Selection Committee

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES FOR PROMOTION**

Brig. Gen.	18 November 2005
Colonel	30 January 2003
Lieutenant Colonel	1 March 1999
Major	1 March 1995
Captain	1 March 1991
First Lieutenant	24 January 1989
Second Lieutenant	6 November

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